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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF U.S. PAT. 5,833,613

Dear Sir:

The patentees of the above-identified patent respectfully request the issuance of a certificate of correction for their patent. The correction would amend the first sentence of the specification to recite patentee's claim to the benefit of provisional application serial no. 60/005,009, filed on October 10, 1995.

The mistake of failing to amend the application specification to include this recitation occurred in good faith. Applicants tried to claim the benefit of the provisional application by reciting the claim in the DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY which was part of the original application filing of the 08/728,318 application. Hence, applicants' claim of this benefit was in the application and before the Examiner as of the nonprovisional application filing date. It was only through oversight in good faith that the specification was not subsequently amended to recite the claim of benefit to the provisional application.

This mistake is of minor character as it does not affect the scope or meaning of the patent and does not constitute new matter. The claim of benefit is of public record in the patent file history and has been in the application file since the filing date of the 08/728,318 application. The effect of the mistake, if any, on the application prosecution would have been the examination of the nonprovisional application based upon a later-than-required priority

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[60] Provisional Application No. 60/005,009 filed October 10, 1995--

Column 1, line 2, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION
Reference is made to and priority claimed from U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. US 60/005,009, filed October 10, 1995, entitled PERFUSION MEASUREMENT USING CONTRAST AGENTS--

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